

(c) One year's service in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, including 15 days' training on active or inactive duty, or equivalent training during another year.

(d) One year's service in the basic course of a senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit or in a junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit in an essentially military school.

(e) Two years' service in other junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units and units given Government aid (section 55c, National Defense Act, and R. S. 1225).

(f) Two months' service in a citizens' military training camp or its equivalent.

(iii) Next of kin are not authorized to wear the lapel button for service.

(2) *Description.* A button of gold-color metal and consists of an eagle perched within a ring which displays 7 white and 6 red vertical stripes with a blue chief bearing the words "National Defense." The button is $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch in height and $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch in width.

(e) *Army lapel button*—(1) *Eligibility requirements.* Honorable active Federal service in the Army of the United States for at least 1 year subsequent to December 31, 1946.

(2) *Description.* The minute man in gold-color metal on a red enamel disk surrounded by 16 pointed gold rays, outside diameter $\frac{7}{16}$ -inch.

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§ 578.56 Manufacture, sale, and illegal possession.

Sections 507.1 to 507.8 of this chapter prescribe:

(a) Restrictions on manufacture and sale of service medals and appurtenances by civilians.

(b) Penalties for illegal possession and wearing of service medals and appurtenances.

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BADGES

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§ 578.60 Badges and tabs; general.

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of awarding badges is to provide for public recognition

by tangible evidence of the attainment of a high degree of skill, proficiency, and excellence in tests and competition, as well as in the performance of duties. Awards of badges promote esprit de corps, and provide an incentive to greater effort, thus becoming instrumental in building and maintaining morale. Types of badges authorized to be awarded as hereinafter prescribed, are combat and special skill badges, qualification badges and identification badges.

(b) *Recommendations.* Recommendations for awards of badges will be forwarded through channels to the commander authorized herein to make the respective awards of to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPS-AD, as promptly as practicable following the individual's qualification.

(c) *Awards of badges*—(1) *General.* Badges may be awarded in the field only by designated commanders. Commanders other than those to whom authority is delegated herein will forward recommendations for such awards through command channels to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPS-AD.

(2) *Posthumous awards.* When an individual who has qualified for a badge dies before the award is made, the award nevertheless may be made and the badge forwarded to the next of kin as indicated by the records of the Department of the Army, in the following precedence: Widow, or widower, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, or eldest grandchild. Posthumous awards made by commanders outside the continental United States will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPS-AD.

(3) *Retroactive awards.* Retroactive awards of the Combat Infantryman Badge and Medical Badge will not be made. Exceptions are awards of Combat Infantryman Badge or Medical Badge made by The Adjutant General upon written request by individuals otherwise fully qualified who are recipients of decorations for heroism in combat.

(d) *Announcement of awards.* Except for identification badges, each award of a badge will be announced in special orders of commanders authorized herein to make the award or in letter orders of the Department of the Army.

(e) *Presentation of awards.* Whenever practicable, badges will be presented to military personnel with formal and impressive ceremony. Presentations should be made as promptly as possible following announcement of awards and, when practicable, in the presence of the troops with whom the recipients were serving at the time of qualification.

(f) *Supply of badges and appurtenances—*(1) *Items issued by the Department of the Army:*

- (i) Combat and Special Skill badges.
- (ii) Qualification badges.
- (iii) Qualification badge bars.
- (iv) The Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge (an item of organizational equipment).

(2) *Items not issued or sold by Department of the Army:* Identification badges, except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

- (i) Lapel buttons for badges.
- (ii) Certificates for badges.
- (iii) Foreign badges.
- (iv) Miniature combat infantryman and expert infantryman badges.

(3) *Requisition.* Initial issue or replacement for badge lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person whom it was awarded, will be made upon application, without charge to military personnel on active duty and at stock fund standard price to all others.

(g) *Character of service.* No badge will be awarded to any person who, subsequent to qualification therefor, has been dismissed, dishonorably discharged, or convicted of desertion by court-martial, except as provided in § 578.61(c).

§ 578.61 Combat and special skill badges and tabs.

(a) *Purpose.* Combat and special skill badges are awarded to denote proficiency in performance of duties under hazardous conditions and circumstances of extraordinary hardship as well as special qualifications and successful completion of prescribed courses of training.

(b) *To whom awarded.* (1) The Combat Infantryman Badge may be awarded only to members of the United States Army or Navy.

(2) The Medical Badge may be awarded only to members of the United States Army or Navy.

(3) All other combat and special skill badges may be earned by honorable active or inactive service, in or while formally assigned or attached to, the United States Army. Awards of United States Army combat and special skill badges to a foreigner will be made only with the prior consent of his parent government and upon completion of the full requirements established for each badge listed below.

(c) *Reinstatement of awards.* An award once revoked will not be reinstated automatically when, for any reason of conviction by court-martial for desertion in time of war is voided by competent authority.

(d) *Combat Infantryman Badge.*— (1) *Eligibility requirements.* (i) An individual must be an infantry officer in the grade of colonel or below, or an enlisted man, or a warrant officer with infantry MOS, who subsequent to December 6, 1941, has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat. Battle participating credit alone is not sufficient; the unit must have been in active ground combat with the enemy during the period. Awards may be made to assigned members of ranger infantry companies assigned or attached to tactical infantry organizations.

(ii) Awards will not be made to general officers nor to members of headquarters companies of units larger in size than battle groups.

(iii) Any officer whose basic branch is other than infantry who, under appropriate orders, has commanded an infantry unit of regimental or smaller size for at least 30 consecutive days is deemed to have been detailed in infantry and is eligible for the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge notwithstanding absence of written orders detailing him in the infantry provided all other requirements for such award have been met. Orders directing the individual to assume command will be confirmed in writing at the earliest practicable date.